

2011 Procedures Adult Criteria

Endothelial Cell Photography AKA Specular Endothelial Microscopy
(Custom) - UDOH^(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

CLIENT:	Name	D.O.B.	ID#	GROUP#
CPT/ICD9:	Code	Facility	Service Date	
PROVIDER:	Name	ID#	Phone#	
	Signature	Date		

INDICATIONS (choose one and see below)

- ☐ 100 Ophthalmologist requesting prior authorization for procedure
- ☐ 200 Optometrist requesting prior authorization for procedure
- ☐ Indication Not Listed (Provide clinical justification below)

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- ☐ 200 Optometrist requesting prior authorization for procedure **[One]**

- ☐ 210 Documentation from provider showing that the optometrist is operating in conjunction with an ophthalmologist

Notes

(1)-DEF:

Endothelial cell photography (also known as specular endothelial microscopy, anterior segment photography, and corneal endothelial microscopy) involves the use of a specular microscope to determine the endothelial cell count. It is used by ophthalmologists to predict success of ocular surgery and other ocular procedures.

(2)

Endothelial cell photography is considered an integral part of the pre-surgical comprehensive or brief/intermediate eye examination when done prior to cataract surgery when the member's only visual problem is cataracts. This is true regardless of the type of cataract technique utilized (including phacoemulsification).

(3)-POL:

This is a bilateral service. A single payment is made that includes both eyes.

(4)-POL:

Separate reimbursement is allowed for ECC when performed in conjunction with exams or other tests according to the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).

(5)

When a pre-surgical examination for cataract surgery is performed and the conditions of this section are met, if the only visual problem is cataracts, endothelial cell photography is covered as part of the presurgical comprehensive eye examination or combination brief/intermediate examination provided prior to cataract surgery, and not in addition to it.

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